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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
KOKICHI KIKUCHI ET AL : EXAMINER:
SERIAL NO. : NEW APPLICATION :
FILED: HEREWITH : GROUP ART UNIT:
FOR: PEPTIDE CAPABLE OF :
INDUCING IMMUNE RESPONSE
TO HUMAN GASTRIC CANCER
AND AGENT FOR PREVENTING
OR TREATING HUMAN GASTRIC
CANCER, CONTAINING THE
PEPTIDE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-13, without prejudice toward the further prosecution of these claims in a continuation and/or divisional application.


REMARKS

Applicants submit that the application is now ready for examination on the merits,
and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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